



THURSDAY EVENING, APRIL 14, 1910.

GRAZED by the sight of food stuffs displayed in the window of a grocery store which mocked the pangs of hunger that were fast robbing him of strength, George Kelly, of Baltimore, tore a cobblestone from the street in Philadelphia early yesterday and tugging it through the glass, flung himself upon the fruit and bread. He resisted arrest, and when a magistrate sentenced him to six months in the House of Correction he said: "You cannot know what it will mean to me. I only pray that God will look after my wife and babies in Baltimore. I couldn't help it, I couldn't help it. I was so hungry." Leaving his wife and children, Kelly went to Philadelphia and for four days and nights walked the streets searching for work. There are many pathetic scenes in large cities, and the above is one that appeals to numbers who suffer in the sight of abundance and while thousands are abusing the blessings of heaven in carousing and the squandering of money.

THE largest herd of buffaloes in the world is now owned by Canada, says a writer in "Canada." They form a most picturesque group as they roam over the new national reserve set apart for them near Watkinsburg, one of the growing towns on the Grand Trunk Pacific, 125 miles east of Edmonton. It is only within the last year that Canada has wrested from the United States the honor of having the most representative herd of this distinctive North American animal, which is rapidly disappearing. The Dominion government recognized the need of action if the bison were to be preserved, and before Washington had realized it had purchased practically the entire herd of six hundred or seven hundred from Michael Pablo, of Montana, who had carefully gathered them together and protected them on his great ranch, near Ravalli.

AS HAS been previously announced, a meeting, under the auspices of the Civic Improvement League, will be held in the Young People's Building at 8 o'clock tonight. The movement for the elimination of trash, refuse, etc., in the city has enlisted the interest of a number of people, and the authorities, as well as the league, will vie in the work. There is always more or less untidiness in a city at the advent of spring, and tidy housekeepers need no suggestions, but they become active with brooms, shovels and whitewash brushes as soon as weather conditions become favorable for their work. The Gazette will make but one suggestion—that when the city shall have been placed in its spring garb it be kept in the same and that jimson weeds, briars, etc., be not allowed to grow until frost waxes thereon.

AN anti-decoration league has been formed in St. Louis to combat the increasing flood of foreign and home orders with which state functionaries are accustomed to adorn their breasts. The founder of the league, himself a much decorated ex-minister, was inspired by the sight of his son standing before a mirror and vainly seeking space for the latest medal on his thickly constellated breast. The young man finally had recourse to a ribbon, from which his new acquaintances dangled on top of the others, and the father exclaimed: "This is the last straw! Henceforth you and I will walk abroad as decent men." The Anti-decoration League was formed on the spot and had a dozen adherents before nightfall. It is growing rapidly, and the government is already perplexed at the prospect of clerks demanding an increase of salary instead of the annual decoration which hitherto served in its place.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN, who had but a few weeks before been sworn in office for his second term as president of the United States, was assassinated forty-five years ago tonight in Ford's Theatre, in Washington, while he and his family were witnessing the play of "The American C. O. W." This high-handed act on the part of a man, whose political predilections had run riot with his reason, was one of the most startling in the history of the country and naturally caused the greatest excitement, and that, too, at a time when both sections of the country were experiencing relief by realizing that the terrible civil conflict was virtually at an end.

A PENSION bill of sweeping provisions, under which all surviving volunteer officers of the United States army who served six months or more would receive retired pay according to length of service, and all honorably discharged enlisted men over 70 years of age and suffering a certain degree of disability would receive a straight pension of \$80 per month, was reported to the House yesterday by Mr. Prince, of Illinois, from the committee on military affairs. The report includes an estimate from the secretary of the interior, which fixes

the cost of the first year's operation of the proposed law at \$9,264,012. The pension business is rapidly becoming intolerable and the voters should put a stop to it.

THE coming fall election will possess more than ordinary interest to the voters of Virginia. In addition to the congressional election, important amendments to the state constitution will be submitted for ratification or rejection by the people. It behooves every citizen to qualify himself to vote, and the man who does not care enough about his state and government to pay the \$1.50 poll tax will be in the disfranchised class. May 7 is the last day upon which this tax can be paid, and every one should see to it that he is among those who will have a voice in determining the issues which will be involved.

THAT a moving picture play house was maintained exclusively to provide a place where children could be enticed into white slavery was the allegation made in the Brooklyn police court yesterday. Six men, all Italians, were arraigned charged with aiding and abetting traffic in children. The police declare that they have uncovered the most diabolical conspiracy against child virtue in the city's history. Much of the waywardness of some children of this day is attributed to moving pictures but the above is the gravest charge which has been made so far.

IT is said that a plot is being formed by some outlaws in New York to place dynamite under the statue of General Lee in the Statuary Hall in the Capitol at Washington. A man, who says he overheard the plotters discussing their plans in a restaurant, has sent a warning to the authorities in the capital city. The latter are disposed to laugh at the story for the reason that people who contemplate committing overt acts never discuss their plans in restaurants or other public places.

IT is now said that the comet has lost its tail, some astronomers who are now studying the celestial wanderer declaring that the brilliant appendage is no longer visible.

From Washington.

Washington, April 14. Preaching a new gospel of "quality, not quantity," in children, Mrs. La Reine Helen Baker, of Spokane, Wash., who is here attending the convention of the National Woman Suffrage Association, today denounced the human race and the Roosevelt race aside theory in good round terms. "Roosevelt, 'argues large families and Anthony Comstock will cry out against obscenity when the subject of eugenics is broached. But I tell you it is quality we want in children, not quantity. Woman suffrage will produce better children for it will reproduce better thinking. 'My studies of children all over the world have convinced me that not more than ten per cent of them are children of love. The other ninety per cent are not wanted, and this leads me to think that ten years hence to be the father of ten or twelve children will be as much of a disgrace as being a confirmed drunkard is at present."

The Gordon of police and its squad of secret service men that guard the White House were strengthened today, for the suffragettes came to town, and there were whistles of their strife and sore dispute as a result of President Taft's engagement tonight. The convention which opened today has been heralded as the most spirited woman suffrage meeting ever held. Today's session was devoted to the reports of national and state officers. Tonight's gathering will be the first real session, when Anna Howard Shaw, president of the association, will deliver her annual address, and President Taft and Senator Owen, of Oklahoma, will speak.

That Governor Hughes is on the job to stay is the opinion of the members of the New York delegation in the House of Representatives here today. "He would be an ornament to the Supreme bench," explained Representative J. Sloat Fassett (rep. N. Y.), "but he wouldn't ask the job if it were offered him. What we folks up in New York ought to do is to increase the salary of the governor to \$25,000 and re-elect O'aries E. Hughes." Privately all of the New York delegation expressed the belief that the governor was having too much fun out of his present job to settle down on the bench—even if it were that of the highest court. If there has been any pressure brought to bear on President Taft to offer the place to Hughes, none of them have heard of it. All of them were certain that Hughes would decline the offer at once.

The original Panama canal as planned in the minority report of the international board of engineers and approved by Congress is now dug. The first plan called for the excavation of 108,795,000 cubic yards. At the end of March the total of excavation was 108,205,666. More than 600,000 yards have since been excavated bringing the total beyond the figures of the original canal plan. Changes made by the order of the president added 70,871,694 cubic yards, and this additional amount is being dug at the rate of 3,000,000 yards a month. There still remains to be excavated about 70,000,000 cubic yards.

According to Secretary of the Treasury McVeigh there are no precedents of trusts or indictments of "men higher up" in the sugar trust in contemplation by the administration at the present time.

That a reciprocity agreement with Canada will be a work of long drawn-out negotiations and study is the view of the situation expressed by Senator Root as he left the White House today after a conference with the president. "It is obvious," said the senator, "that there can be no reciprocity agreement between Canada and the United States so far as manufactures are concerned. Canada has put into a operation a protective tariff to build up her industries, and a reciprocity agreement regarding manufactures would upset the whole tariff scheme between

the two countries. Therefore such an agreement must necessarily deal with natural products. And when we come to discuss tariff rates on these products the subject is of vital importance to every border state on the north, and the matter demands great deliberation and calm study."

The Senate committee on manufactures recommended today the passage of the Heston bill for preventing the manufacture or sale of adulterated or mislabeled paint, turpentine or linseed oil. It provides that a label on each can shall state the name of the manufacturer the place of manufacture and the percentage of white lead, oil, turpentine or zinc contained therein. The maximum penalty for violation of the law is \$500 fine and one year imprisonment.

The possibility of a democratic campaign being launched with the cry of "Hearst, Hearst and harmony" is being discussed here today following the Jefferson Day banquet which developed a number of surprises. Throughout the dinner there was a predominant spirit of "getting together" and all the speeches reflected high hopes of democratic victory. The climax came in the speech of John Temple Graves, former candidate for vice president on the independence league ticket, who announced that the Hearst party was ready to return to the ranks of the democratic party. His announcement was received with an outburst of applause that indicated that independence leaguers were welcome so far as those present at the dinner were concerned.

When John Temple Graves, chief editor of the Hearst newspapers told the democrats of the District of Columbia at their Jeffersonian Banquet last night that the Independence League was ready and willing to untie with the democracy in the coming campaign, he spoke with authority. Prior to his appearance at the banquet he had consulted with his friends in New York, including Mr. Hearst as to the propriety of his making an address. When he arose to speak he had in his pocket a telegram from Hearst himself, the head of the Independence League approving the suggestion that he should tell the local democrats of the willingness of the league to go upright with them provided that they should follow the principles already laid down by their leaders in Congress.

An investigation of the cold storage of food will be made by the Senate committee on manufactures with hearings beginning on April 25. The owners of cold storage warehouses, the owners of products stored therein and experts on the effect of cold storage on food will be called upon for information.

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SENATE

A new bill giving the president authority to withdraw public lands from entry, was introduced in the Senate by Mr. Smoot (rep. Utah), today. It presents the views of the friends of conservation and is proposed as a substitute for the withdrawal of the bill that was reported to the Senate by the public lands committee and afterwards withdrawn. The bill expressly legalizes all the withdrawals of land made by Roosevelt and applies to both the United States and Alaska. It will be considered next Monday by the committee on public lands.

A letter to Senator Scott, (rep. W. Va.), from T. O. Elliot of Walla Walla, Washington, was read to the Senate today. He protested against the sale of the Walla Walla Military reservation to Whitman College, saying the land was worth at least \$450 an acre and probably more although the price fixed in the bill was \$150 an acre.

Mr. Elliot, who is a banker and business man, also protested on the ground that the sale would encourage a socialistic and was objectionable to the citizens of the section.

A resolution offered by Senator Warren (rep. Wyo.), calling on the secretary of war for a full report of the investigation into the shooting up of Brownsville, Tex., August 19, 1906, was adopted by the Senate today.

When the administration railroad bill was taken up in the Senate today the pending amendment giving the Interstate Commerce Commission authority to fix reasonable rates for new rail and water rates was temporarily passed over.

Senator Ekins offered a committee amendment providing that the Interstate Commerce Commission shall have no jurisdiction over wholly water routes. Objection was raised by Senator Owens (rep. Iowa), and by Mr. Ekins explained that it was intended to keep water rates entirely open and free.

After much general debate the committee amendment stipulating that exclusively water routes shall remain entirely free from the jurisdiction of the Interstate Commerce Commission was adopted 52 yeas, 9 noes.

Three sections of the Taft-Ekins bill are unconstitutional, according to an argument delivered in the Senate by Senator Rayner (Dem. Md.), today.

HOUSE

A resolution calling upon the secretary of war for information as to whether certain officers in the American army were not drawing a salary from the Cuban government as cavalry instructors in addition to their wages from the United States was passed by the House today. The resolution was introduced by Representative Slayden, (Texas).

Republican leaders in the House stayed off an embarrassing situation today by signing up enough votes to table the resolution introduced by Representative Martin calling on the secretary of war for specific and detailed information as to the sale of the Philippine friar lands.

Most of the insurgents voted with the democrats against tabling the resolution. The lands in question are 55,000 acres of a sugar plantation in the Mindoro island, known as the San Jose Friar estate.

Official Denial

Rome, April 14.—An official denying today the report that the pope had eliminated the names of all American archbishops from the list of candidates for elevation to the cardinalate at the coming consistory, the Vatican intimated that the United Press that the report was maliciously spread in order to embarrass the pope.

Since the Roosevelt-Vatican controversy numerous erroneous stories have been carried by certain news agencies, such as the one that the father of Cardinal Merry del Val rejoiced that his son had "tumbled the Yankee President," which the Vatican believes to have been inspired by a desire to arouse feeling against the Vatican.

Prices of \$1,000 will be awarded at the aviation meeting beginning at Nice, France, tomorrow. Most of the famous "birds" are entered.

Today's Telegraphic News

Dath of a Confederate Veteran. (Special dispatch to the Alexandria Gazette.)

Richmond, April 15.—William Orbin, who, the war records state, was the oldest Confederate soldier who enlisted, died near Culpeper Courthouse this morning in his ninety-eighth year. He was hale and hearty at the time of his death.

Employer's Liability.

Chicago, April 14.—The International Harvester Company, with 25,000 employees, announced today that it will adopt a system of employer's liability for injury and death of employees more liberal than that at present in force in any city. It will cover every case except that of intoxication or willful disregard of safety appliances and will eliminate entirely contributory negligence and the fellow-servant clause of the Illinois statute applicable to such cases.

The scale of compensation provided is as follows: In case of death there will be paid three years average wages, but not more than \$4,000, nor less than \$1,500. In case of the loss of one hand or foot, one and one half years average wages but not less than \$500 nor more than \$2,000. For the loss of both hands or both feet, or one hand and one foot, four years average wages, but in no event less than \$2,000.

Scooped Fish With Skirts.

Pottsville, Pa., April 14.—Thousands of fish were killed by dynamite in French creek, Chester county, within the past few days, and foreigners working in the granite quarries there are charged with doing it. Most of the fish were suckers, and one man, with his family's assistance, gathered up over 200 pounds of them. Deep to the cold water, women and girls waded into the streams and holding open their skirts, scooped in the fish. With pans, kettles and sieves the men captured the sunned and dead fish and took them home. Fish wardens are trying to ferret out the perpetrators.

The Drexel-Gould Wedding.

New York, April 14.—With a marriage license, secured from City Clerk Scully immediately after he opened his office in their possession, Anthony J. Dr. x, jr., and Miss Marie Gould, daughter of George Gould, hastened to Georgian Court today to complete plans for the wedding. They will be married next Tuesday in St. Bartholomew's Church and the wedding is expected to eclipse any previous society display here.

Expensive Strike.

Glens Falls, N. Y., April 14.—The strike at the mills of the International Paper Company, which has been broken, has cost more than half a million dollars. The loss to the strikers in wages was \$60,000; to Washington and Saratoga counties; \$12,000 cost of troops who did guard duty. The remainder falls on the company for transportation of strike-breakers, special guards and lost and declared contracts. The company will sue the paper makers union to recover.

Mark Twain's Condition.

New York, April 14.—Dr. Samuel L. Clemens (Mark Twain) came back from Bermuda today more broken in health than when he left here last January in a state of physical collapse following the sudden death of his daughter at their Connecticut home. He was a passenger on the Oceanic, in from Bermuda. During the trip he was forced to remain in his stateroom and his secretary stated that he was suffering from a severe heart attack. It will go at once to his home at Redding, Conn., where he hopes to recover his health.

Guide Does Not Believe Lloyd.

Butte, Mont., April 14.—Edward Brill, the guide who for a time averred he accompanied Dr. Cook to the top of Mount McKinley, then turned on Cook and denounced him as an impostor, declared today that in his opinion the claims of the Lloyd party that they reached the summit are untrue. He declared that from a personal observation he knows that it would be impossible to brave the snow and ice of the mountain at this time of the year. He also declared the fact that the party found none of the camps he and the doctor made up to the point where they abandoned the claim, indicating that they have not accomplished what they claim.

The Coal Production.

Pittsburg, Penn., April 14.—The Coal Trade Bulletin, sent monthly publication, in its today's edition declares that according to official figures, 136,165,477 tons of bituminous coal which procured in Pennsylvania during 1909. This is an increase in the tonnage of 20,986,950 over 1908. According to the list published by the Bulletin, 27 companies each have an output of over a million tons.

Collapse of a Building.

New Orleans, La., April 14.—With a tremendous crash which caused a panic among the thousands of masked merry-makers a building at South Rampart and Canal streets collapsed this morning, crushing beyond recognition a 12-year-old boy and seriously injuring five other persons. This is the thirtieth Mardi Gras and children were near the building and in the vicinity.

Woman Charged with Murder.

Rockland, Maine, April 14.—Sentence, probably of life imprisonment, will be pronounced here today on Mrs. Sadie Newhall, found guilty of poisoning her invalid husband, Freeman Newhall, who she had supported for fifteen years. The defense contended that the poison was self-administered. Counsel have filed a motion for a new trial.

Murdered His Mother.

Paris, April 14.—Gaston Wachs today killed his mother, one of the richest women of Paris, because of her marriage on last Sunday to a Jewish lawyer. The mother was 60 years and Wachs 46.

The Sultan Ill.

Constantinople, April 14.—Sultan Mehmed V. today is said to be ill and on account of illness. It is reported he has symptoms of appendicitis.

Every family especially those who reside in the country should be provided at all times with a bottle of Chamberlain's Linctiment. There is no telling when it may be wanted to ease off an accident or emergency. It is most excellent in all cases of pneumonia, croup, and influenza. Sold by W. F. Creighton & Co. and Richard Gibson.

Praised Lee but Denounced Davis

Boston, Mass., April 14.—Laudation of General Robert E. Lee, and denunciation of Jefferson Davis as "snack and traitor" delivered here by Colonel Edward Anderson, once commander of the famous Ninth Indiana Cavalry, is stirring G. A. R. circles here today.

Speak at the annual dinner of the bank officers association here Colonel Anderson said:

"Never belittle the man Lee. It was a glorious army which he headed. It was an army with the flower of the south fighting honestly for a southern ideal. I honor Lee. I have no objection to Lee's statue being placed in an honored place in Statuary Hall in Washington. 'Dot I do object to Jefferson Davis's statue being placed there. I object to it because Davis was a snark and a traitor. He stole everything in the line of ammunition and implements of war belonging to the nation he could and sent them into the south with the forlorn hope of their being used against his country at some future day.'"

Saw Angel in the Room

Wilmington, Del., April 14.—What they believe was a supernatural manifestation in the room of their daughter, Minnie, who has been critically ill for several days, has profoundly affected Mr. and Mrs. William Robinson, of Eighth and Broomwood streets. The manifestation was a shadowy form that looked like an angel with outstretched wings upon the wall directly over the head of the child. The parents of the girl have been unable to find a natural explanation for the appearance of the figure, which they watched for some time during the early hours on Sunday morning. "It was as plain as it could be," said Mrs. Robinson today. "The shadow was in the distinct form of an angel. The shadow seemed to have Minnie's form, but the face of her dead mother. The hair was smoothed back and it had a white robe, just as you see in pictures of angels. It appeared to have outstretched wings. Shortly after the shadow disappeared Minnie seemed to get better." Mrs. Robinson is the stepmother of the sick girl.

Jeffries' Condition.

Rowlandman, Cal., April 14.—Jeffries' condition is still a bit stiff as a result of his boxing bout with Sam Bigger, a couple of days ago, and the fellow will probably not put on the mitts again for several days. Hunting, fishing and gymnasium work will serve to open up the long used muscles of the former champion, and his usual ten mile "hike" will help his wind, which appears to be in good shape at the present, notwithstanding reports reaching New York to the contrary.

Jeff is still fat and will require good steady work to take off the surplus. Mrs. Jeffries will be sent to Oakland today to undergo an operation at the Meritt Hospital. Her condition is not serious, but because the big fellow much worry so that he cannot give his full attention to his work.

Roosevelt Arrives in Venice.

Venice, April 14.—Colonel Roosevelt and Kermi, Lawrence Abbott, the correspondents and several picked up friends at Milan, arrived in Venice at 9 o'clock this morning, and made almost a bee line for the Hotel Britannia. There had been a hard, twelve-hour ride from Porto Maurizio and it was thought that every one would be desirous of a good, long sleep. At 6 o'clock the colonel appeared in the lobby of the hotel, looking as fresh as the proverbial daisy.

Another Victim of Wood Alcohol. Weir, R. I., April 14.—An autopsy on another victim of the poisoned whisky which is credited with a dozen deaths in nearby towns was held today by medical examiner Morgan. Daniel T. Sullivan, 67, is the latest victim of the wood alcohol liquor. He drank a pint and was dead in three hours. He refused repeated requests by his sons to tell where he got the concoction. State authorities are investigating the source of bad whisky deaths and arrest of those believed to have compounded the mixture is expected.

The Spear Divorce Suit.

Philadelphia, Penn., April 14.—A special master's report filed at Media today recommends that James Spear, jr., of the Spear Store and Heating Company, of this city, a member of the Union League and many other clubs, be granted a divorce from his wife, Mrs. Lee Henry Spear, whom he charges with desertion. Mrs. Spear who was before her marriage a southern belle, now resides in the Wrentham apartments in Baltimore, Md.

Automobile Accident.

Meriden, Conn., April 14.—An automobile, owned and driven by J. T. Curtis, of Glastonbury, was struck by a train at a crossing today. Mrs. Edward Murdock, of Glastonbury, was instantly killed and Curtis is in a hospital with three broken ribs. Mrs. John Sanderson escaped with a few bruises. Curtis could not see the train, as a factory building obscured his view.

New York Stock Market.

New York, April 14.—A strong tone and decided activity marked the trading at the opening, prices of many issues making further gains over the high levels established yesterday. Amalgamated copper was one of the strongest features advancing to 76 bringing it back to the price prevailing before the announcement of the decline in the price of the metal a few days ago.

After the first few minutes there was a brisk upward movement carrying many of the leading issues about 10 points above yesterday's close. Trading was extremely active.

Illiterate Immigrants.

New York, April 14.—Investigation today revealed that in the enormous number of immigrants admitted through Ellis Island during the past month, 32,000 were absolutely illiterate.

We have received through the courtesy of Mr. T. J. Wertheimer, M. A., of the University of Virginia, a copy of his recently edited book entitled "Paradise and Pleasure in Virginia." It is a book of travel and the origin and development of the social classes of the Old Dominion, giving his conclusion, after much study, as to the origin of the aristocracy of Colonial Virginia, a subject which has created much controversy among students of the history of the state. Space is given also to the free families of humble means who immigrated to Virginia, as well as to the indentured servants. The volume is handsomely bound, with clear type and good paper, and is a distinct contribution to the literature on Virginia.

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News of the Day.

The Senate yesterday adopted an amendment to the railroad bill permitting the inclusion of complaint in suits before the proposed Court of Commerce.

The House committee on agriculture yesterday tabled the Lefebvre bill providing for standard packages and grades for apples. The committee's action kills the bill for the present session.

Former Associate Justices of the Supreme Court of Maine Frederick A. Powers, of Hallowell, who is opposing Senator Hale's re-election to the Senate, asserts that he has enough pledges already from prospective members of the legislature to defeat Senator Hale.

Trapped by metal doors and barred windows, six firemen were caught by a back draft and burned to death during the partial destruction of the New Haven county, Conn., jail, yesterday, an account of which was published in the Gazette of that day.

A new \$300,000 hotel is to be erected on North Capitol street facing the Union Station at 124 Washington. Plans for the proposed building have been completed and the work of constructing the building will be begun within a few weeks. The hotel is to be erected by the Washington Hotel Company. It will be designed especially for commercial travelers.

The democrats of Washington last night celebrated the anniversary of the birth of Thomas Jefferson, the main feature of which was the annual dinner at John Temple Graves, former candidate for vice-president of the United States on the independence league ticket, amid cheers flung out the banner of William Randolph Hearst. Eugene N. Fay, the new representative and recent convert to democracy from Massachusetts, was warmly welcomed. At the close of the dinner came the reading of the famous letter from William Jennings Bryan to U. S. 2d. The party did not break up until 2:30 this morning.

Lord Rosbury yesterday announced his promised further resolution for the reform of the British House of Lords. The gist of them is that the house in future shall consist of lords of parliament, comprising some chosen by all the hereditary peers from among themselves, some nominated by the crown, others sitting by virtue of their office, and still others chosen from outside. The terms of tenure of all shall be identical, except the ex-officio members whose membership shall coincide with their tenure of office.

Ada Moran, the young white woman, who, while locked up in the Fifth police precinct station in Washington, on the night of Saturday, April 2, it is alleged, was the victim of indignities on the part of policemen of the precinct, is a patient at the Washington Asylum Hospital. She was arrested yesterday in Seventh street northwest. The girl, the police say, visited various stores in the northwestern section of the city yesterday morning, and asked the privilege of sampling liquor. After tugging the liquor, the police say, she ordered a quart or more sent to a certain address. An attempt was made to get her to talk about what occurred at the Fifth police station on Saturday night, April 2. The girl declined to talk. She will be arraigned in the police court this morning to answer the charge of vagrancy.

Favors Commission Plan.

Wilkes Barre, Penn., April 14.—Mayor Lewis P. Keiffen came out today in a flat-footed statement approving of the commission plan of municipal government, and declares he will resign as mayor of Wilkes Barre, the very day the legislature enacts a law to this effect, regardless of the fact that he will have two years more to serve.

Hally's Comet.

New York, April 14.—Last night Hally's comet! Promptly at four o'clock tomorrow morning—bedtime for many—it will be discernible to the naked eye just north of east, according to the astronomical charts. It is to be discernible until May 20, possibly, but the experts declare it and its tail will best be seen just before the dawn tomorrow.

Bride Deserted at Altar.

Tamques, Pa., April 14.—James Mink, of Hometown, and Miss Annie Vanden, of McAdoo, were to have been married here yesterday by Justice of the Peace Leopold, but while the witnesses and a few invited guests were assembling the prospective bridegroom left the altar for the alleged purpose of having a check cashed and that was the last seen of him.

Diarrhoea should be treated without loss of time and by a medicine which like Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy not only cures promptly but produces no unpleasant after effects. It never fails and is pleasant and safe to take. Sold by W. F. Creighton & Co. and Richard Gibson.

Virginia News.

It is learned that the "wets" will shortly circulate petitions for signatures calling for a local option election in Winchester. Winchester has been dry for two years, the majority against license at the last election being ninety-six.

James Myrick, formerly of King George county, died at his home at Dobbs Ferry, N. Y., a day or two ago, aged 60 years. Some years ago he married Miss Blanche Oulton, of King George county, who, who with two daughters and one son survives him.

A marriage license was issued in Baltimore on Monday to Mrs. Dorothy Henry Henderson of Albemarle county and Mr. Henry W. Frost, jr. Mr. Frost is a resident of South Carolina, but has a large ranch in California, and it is said that the couple will make their home in that state.

The residence on Clover Dale farm in King George county owned by Mr. James Arnold, was burned a few days ago. It is thought the fire originated from a defective flue. The house was built during colonial days, and was a valued relic of the past.

A destructive forest fire has been raging in Stafford county for several days, but is at last under control. It burned over hundreds of acres of timber land and destroyed thousands of dollars' worth of young growing timber, cordwood and sawed timber.

It is believed that Congressman W. A. Jones of the Fourth district will be nominated this year without opposition. An authoritative statement has been made that Congressman Jones will not accept a berth on the Federal bench, which many politicians believed would be offered him should he desire the place.

Messrs. Davis & Davis, Washington patent attorneys, report the grant this week to citizens of this state of the following patents: Edward W. Gray, of Windsor, metallic window shutter; William A. Mooney, of Richmond, door-latch; Lena R. Wintersmith, of Arlington, stick horse; Walter Smith, of Roskoche, trunk; William D. Trimble, of Hampton, toy projectile.